

WALDEN'S HEADER WHIPS WYCOMBE

Wycombe Wand. 1 Kettering 2 : by FRANK WATSON

WYCOMBE shrugged off a first half of indecision to produce a second half show that had Jack Froggatt's Southern League professionals wobbling. Then Kettering snapped a goal 12 minutes from time to knock out the gallant amateurs.

Kettering romped away in the first-half but often struggling in the second, owed their victory largely to Irishman Hugh Morrow, their resourceful right winger.

Morrow, moving inside after a corner kick, gave Kettering their 1-0 interval lead.

And they deserved it, too. Their greater speed and more accurate passing had pinned Wycombe in their own goal area.

Froggatt and his wing half partner Terry Smith were often up with the forwards. Erratic finishing and some smart saves by Ken Brown pogged Kettering's score back.

Then came the second-half contrast. In spite of injuries to wingers Hyde and Bates, Wycombe improved steadily, inspired by wing

halves Thomas and Beck who often had a smack at goal themselves.

Right wing pair Bates and Worley split Kettering repeatedly with slick combined raids, and inside left Holmes was always prominent. Centre forward Bressington was too well covered by Quigley to make much headway.

When right half Thomas equalised with a brilliant long range shot in the 60th minute, it looked as if Wycombe's fighting spirit would earn at least a replay.

But Kettering regained the initiative in the last 15 minutes. And after left-back Atkins had stopped three shots on the line, Morrow sped away and centred for Walden to head the winner.